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It is estimated that the average child entering out-of-home care will remain for 3 years. This book provides a collection of essays based on the need for permanent homes for children in foster care. The essays support the concept of shortening a child's time spent in temporary foster care. The six articles in the book are: (1) "Critical Issues in Permanency Planning: An Overview" (Katherine Cahn and Paul Johnson); (2) "The Michigan Agency Attorney Project" (David Herring), a federal grant project being studied at the Child Advocacy Law Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School; (3) "Changing Agency Procedures" (Betsy Farley); (5) "Interagency Collaborations: System Improvements for Planning Permanence" (Paul Johnson and others); and (6) "Reaching Timely Permanency Decisions: A Recapitulation" (Katherine Cahn and Paul Johnson). The concluding essay outlines the goals that need to be achieved in order to quickly and efficiently provide permanent homes for children in foster care. The goals include legal action, caseload management, task forces, and interagency cooperation. (DCP)

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